

Recreational Trails Program Advisory Committee (RTPAC) Meeting March 11, 2015

Those present were: Matt Gardner, Kevin Stankiewicz, Lisa Engebretson, Pam Wenger, Sandy Zimmer, Curt Glasoe, Alicia Hoffarth, Tyler Jacobson, David Vad, Keri Wanner, Steve Burke.

Those absent: Jim Peterson, Mark Liebig

New committee member: Steve Burke

FY16 Project Ranking

Rank	Sponsor	Project Name	Avg Score	Total Project Amount	Grant Amount
1	Hunter Arthur JPA Park Board	Northern Cass Pass	6.7	\$120,000.00	\$100,000.00
2	USDA Forest Service	North Country Trail Extension	6.5	\$46,700.00	\$37,360.00
3	USDA Forest Service	MDHT Surfacing and Restoration	5.5	\$186,800.00	\$149,440.00
4	SND (motorized)	2016 Snowmobile Program Upgrades	5	\$191,000.00	\$152,500.00
5	Cass County Commission	County Road 28 Shared Use Path	4.7	\$366,000.00	\$200,000.00
6	NDPRD-Pembina Gorge (motorized)	Trailhead Overlook	4.7	\$40,000.00	\$32,000.00
7	City of Kulm	Pedestrian Trail Improvements	4.2	\$455,000.00	\$200,000.00
8	Bismarck Parks and Recreation District	Sunrise Shared Use Path-Hitchcock to Northrop	4.1	\$226,500.00	\$181,200.00
9	City of Fargo	5th Street Extension Shared Use Path	2.5	\$150,000.00	\$120,000.00
10	Grafton Parks and Recreation	Leistkiow Park Trail Maintenance Equipment and Trail Rehab	0.71	\$19,129.00	\$15,303.00
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*projects ranked 1-7 will receive funding contingent upon FHWA approval and RTP funding authorization. At this time, projects ranked 8-10 are not expected to receive any funding.

Meeting commenced 1:00pm CST.

Powerpoint slide presentation showing photos of FY13 and FY14 RTP projects.

Kevin Stankiewicz mentioned that we will be fully funding the Koser Field project from FY15. Initially the project was going to be partially funded.

There are currently 10 projects that have requested Grant money. Kevin Stankiewicz handed out the Project ranking scores for all projects.

Sandy Zimmer questioned the City of Kulm project. Do they have the \$200,000.00 match? Matt Gardner said we have confirmation that they do have the match.

Bismarck, Fargo, and Grafton projects will not be funded.

Alicia Hoffarth questioned if the Cass County project has the \$200,000.00 match. Matt Gardner said we have confirmation that they do have the match.

Matt Gardner said that it is the committee's job to tell us what you like and want to fund. It is then our job to figure out how to make it work.

Matt Gardner said that with the new CFR 200 Federal requirement, extensions are no longer granted. The end date is the end date.

Sandy Zimmer commented that it is the timing. Don't put in for a grant if you can't get it done.

Business

Curt Glasoe motioned to have the remaining FY15 motorized funds of about \$30,000 moved into the FY14 project, project #1410 Turtle Mt. Trailhead Motorized. Motion seconded by Dave Vad. Motion passes.

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Curt Glasoe motioned to approve the FY16 projects the way they are ranked and the way they appear on this sheet. Motion seconded by Tyler Jacobson. Motion passes.

Fed. Hwy.

Sandy Zimmer said the MAP 21 extension expires. Also, the Trust Fund is scheduled to be out of money by the end of summer.

NDDOT

Pam Wenger said the TAP applications are in. There are 14 urban and 12 rural projects. Total project costs of \$5.9 million. The requested grant amount is \$4.3 million and \$1.4 million is available. It will be hard decisions for the committee members to rank and select.

MDHT

Curt Glasoe said they have about 80 members, and 15 life members. We got 8 water cache's out this year. We are having our website updated this year also.

NCT

Alicia Hoffarth said that when they are completed they will have 35 continuous miles connected. Lisbon is looking at routing the NCT thru town. Valley City is working on easements, but it is slow going.

SND

Keri Wanner said they have been busy with legislative sessions. We have been researching for the past three years tracking units that we can place in the groomers. It is going to help automate our reimbursement program and our trail reporting.

August 4th & 5th, 2015 is the ND Trails Conference in Valley City. And on August 3rd, 2015 we are going to have a chainsaw certification.

Kevin Stankiewicz introduced Steve Burke, new RTPAC member, who will be representing the equestrians.

Alicia Hoffarth's term is expiring and was asked if she wanted to stay on for another term. Her reply was "I'll let you know".

Curt Glasoe's term is expiring and was asked if he wanted to stay on for another term. His reply was "I am interested".

Meeting adjourned 2:30pm CST.